

Homeless Youth and Young Adult Stakeholder Forum



12/11/2012 | 2 – 3:30PM
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**A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT
THE CHANGES PLANNED FOR OUR
HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT
SYSTEM IN KING COUNTY.**



Welcomes & Updates

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Objectives



- Understand background around the homeless youth and young adult system change
- Learn about the planning structure and opportunities for engagement moving forward
- Hear next steps – launching coordinated engagement for homeless YYA
- Answer how these changes will help us better support young people

Background



- 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Mid-Plan Review
- Homeless YYA Task Force
- “Private” YYA Funders Group
- Funders, Providers, Government - Collective Impact
- Priority Action Steps to Prevent and End YYA Homelessness: Phase I

Who has been at the table up to this point?



- 4C Coalition
- Atlantic Street Center
- Auburn Youth Resources
- Ballmer Foundation
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Building Changes
- Champion Foundation
- Casey Family Programs
- Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
- Center for Children and Youth Justice
- Children's Home Society of Washington
- City of Seattle, Human Services Department
- Columbia Legal Services
- Committee to End Homelessness King County
- Friends of Youth
- Friends of Youth YYA Focus Group
- King County Department of Community and Human Services
- King County Housing Authority
- King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse & Dependency Services Division

- King County out of School Youth Consortium
- LGBTQ Allyship
- Medina Foundation
- Mockingbird Society
- New Horizons Ministries
- Raikes Family Foundation
- Raynier Institute & Foundation
- Schultz Family Foundation
- Seattle Foundation
- Seattle Housing Authority
- Seattle Public Schools
- Street Youth Ministries
- Teen Feed
- Thomas V. Giddens Jr. Foundation
- United Way of King County
- University District Youth Council
- Washington State DSHS
- YMCA
- YouthCare
- YouthCare YYA Focus Group

The Five Conditions of Collective Impact

Common Agenda	All participants have a shared vision for change including a common understanding of the problem and a joint approach to solving it through agreed upon actions.
Shared Measurement	Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
Mutually Reinforcing Activities	Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
Continuous Communication	Consistent and open communication is needed across the many players to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
Backbone Support	Creating and managing collective impact requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and coordinate participating organizations and agencies.

Priorities for Phase I



- Data Coordination
- Coordinated Engagement
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Comprehensive Planning



What is the need?

What works to address
it?

Are we making progress?



CEH Charter

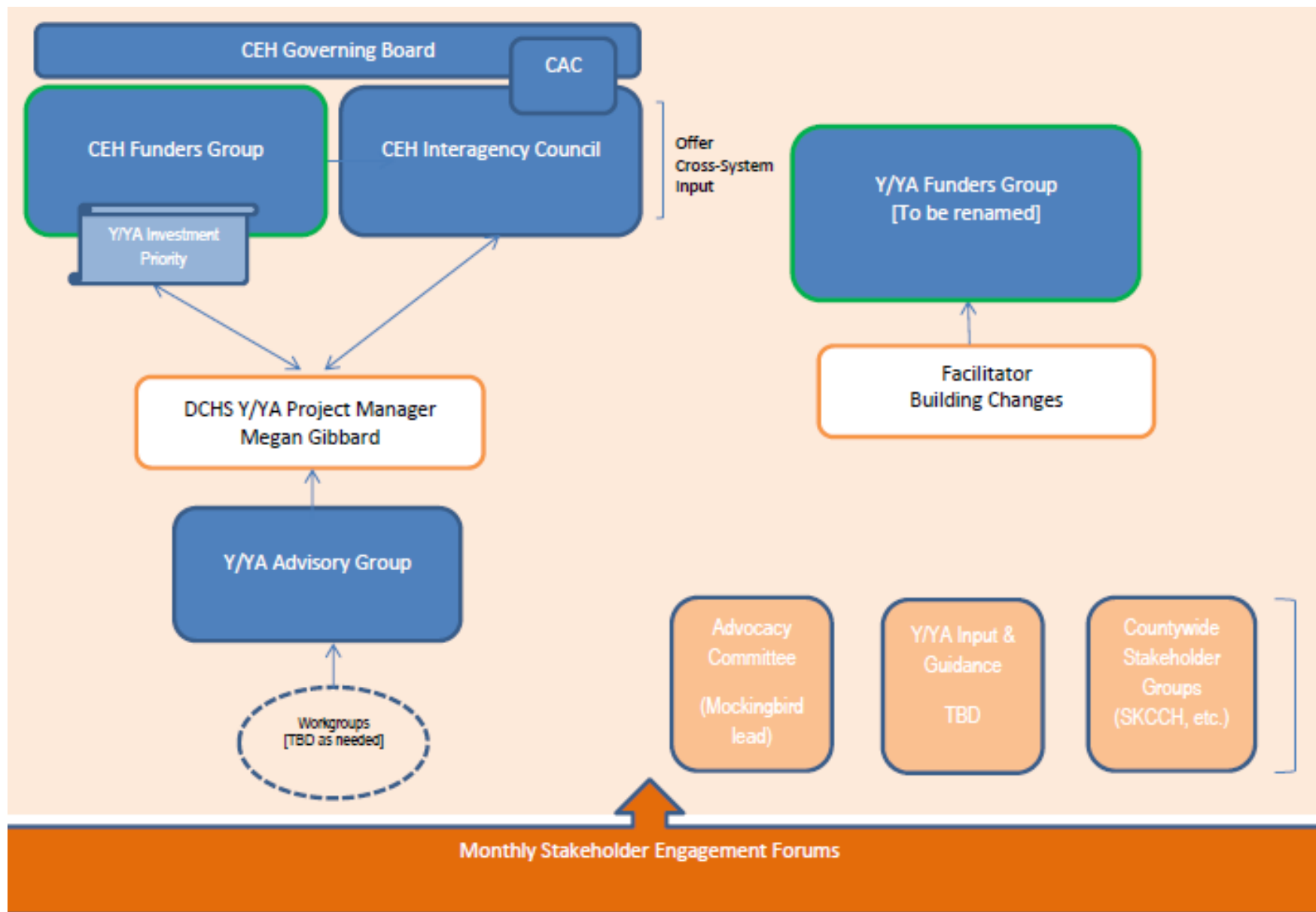


- The Youth/Young Adult Homelessness Initiative will create a more accessible and aligned system of housing and services for youth and young adults across King County. The system will prevent youth in crisis from becoming homeless, reconnect youth with family when it is safe and appropriate to do so; will engage YYA immediately when they do experience homelessness and match them to the housing and services that most fit their needs and best practices; and will collect system-wide data to understand progress towards ending YYA homelessness.

Why now?



- Increased need
- Strong leadership among our homeless YYA continuum of care
- Alignment of funders
- City, County, and United Way leadership
- National attention around the needs of homeless young people
- HUD & Funder Mandates
- Mission Urgency

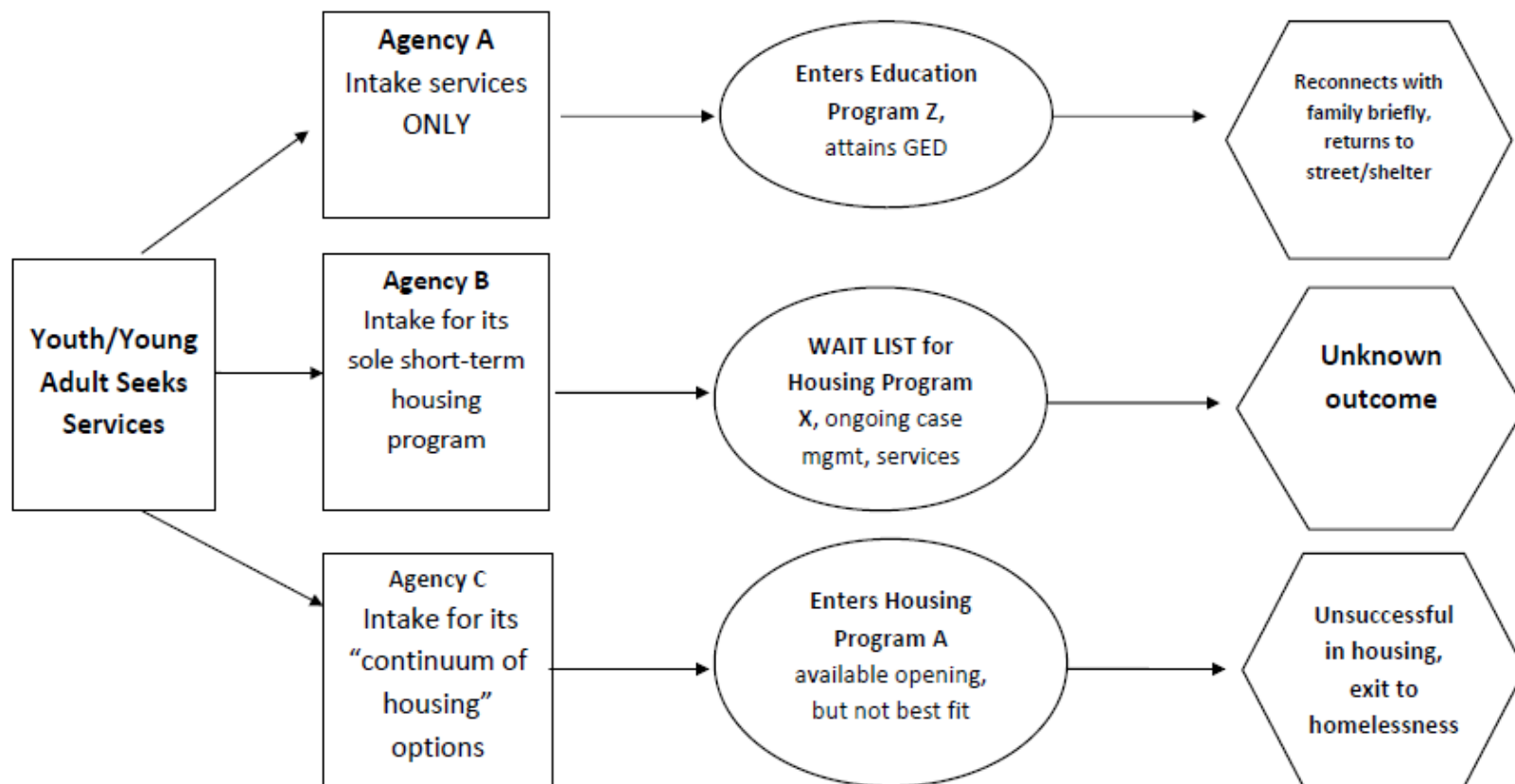


2013 Next Steps



- **Prevention and Early Intervention:**
 - an immediate response to YYA's who leave home to connect them with support and a safe place to stay
 - prevention services for families experiencing crisis with tools to stabilize
- **Coordinated Engagement:**
 - Direct young people's access to housing by coordinating their applications, applying a common strengths-based assessment, and placing them in programs that have worked for other YYA's like them
- **Data Coordination:**
 - a coordinated data system for assessing community progress toward the goal of ending YYA homelessness
- **Comprehensive System Planning:**
 - From landscape assessment, research of best/promising practices and initial YYA coordinated engagement data; develop
 - recommendations for YYA housing and service needs (goals, types and quantity)
 - comprehensive system plan to end YYA homelessness in King County by 2020

The problem currently:



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- ensure young people are referred to the best housing for them
- ensure the most vulnerable young people have access to housing
- align with Family Housing Connection
- provide unduplicated data on the number of homeless YYA's and their needs
- inform the comprehensive plan

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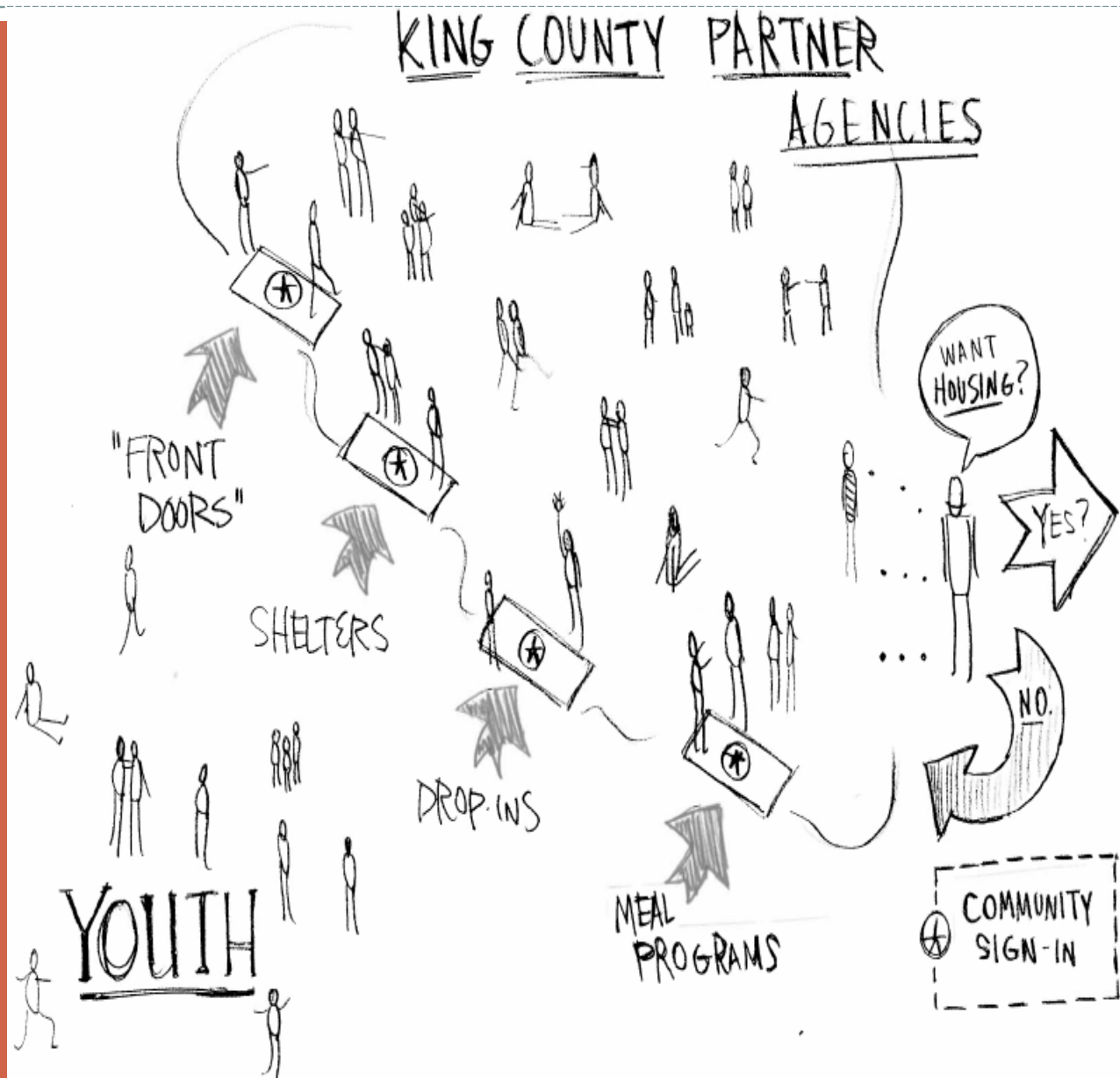
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How will Coordinated Engagement Work?



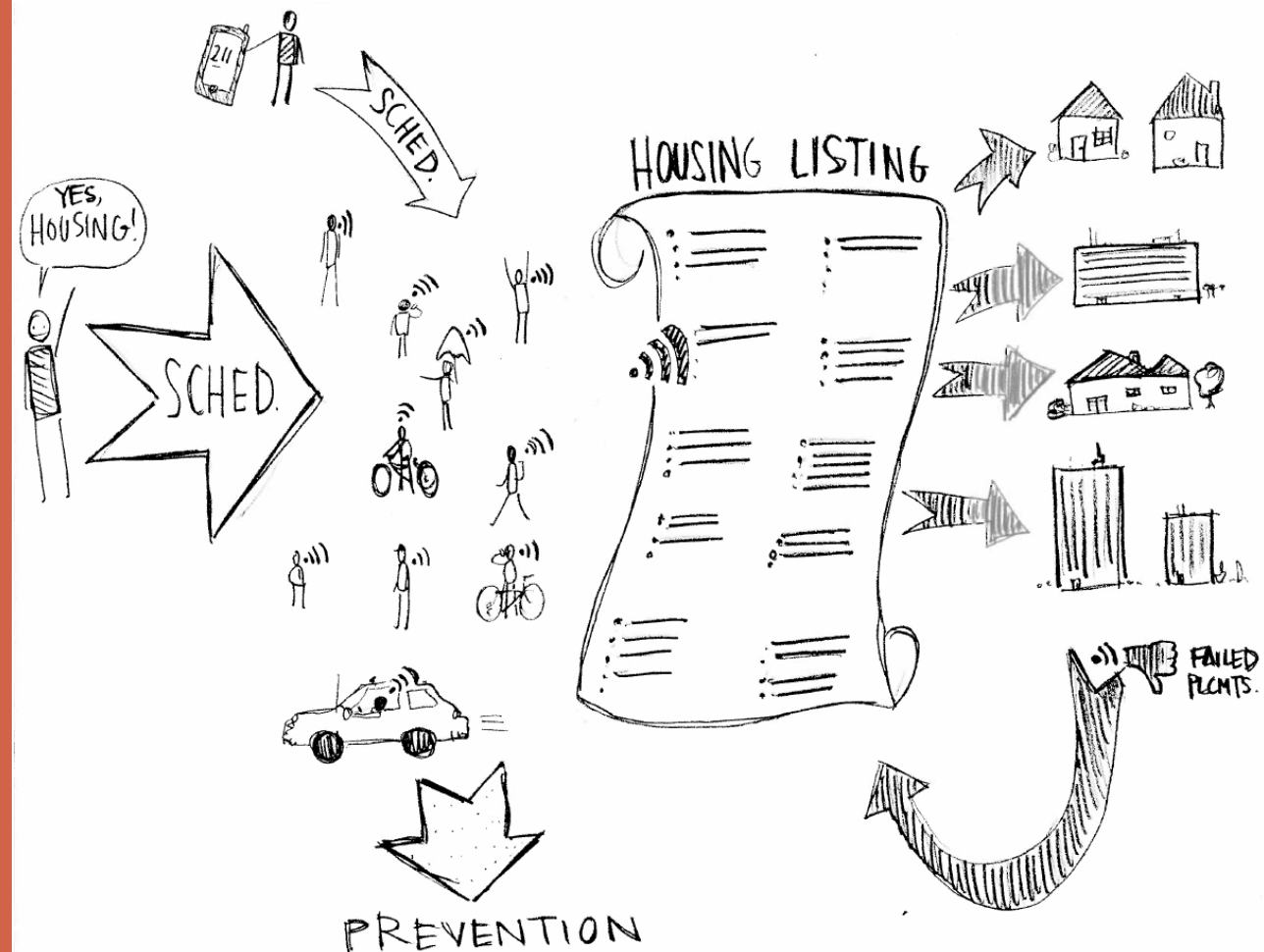
Coordinated Engagement – Step One

Young people complete a “community sign in” at any front door.



Coordinated Engagement – Step Two

Homeless young people receive one coordinated housing assessment.



Considerations around the launch of CE:



- Strong ongoing communication to make the move to CE
- Community training and TA
- Continued learning from Family Coordinated Entry/Family Housing Connection
- Communication with funders

Coordinated Engagement



- A clearly identified process for YA's to request housing.
 - This summer we'll start by assessing all YA currently engaged in our programs who request housing
 - YA will apply for housing through a centralized team of assessors (managed by one agency)
 - Assessors are located in predicable ways throughout the county (i.e. every Tuesday/Thursday at Auburn Youth Resources from 2 – 6pm)
 - YA outside our continuum can call 211

Coordinated Engagement



- Coordinated housing placements at a system-wide level
 - Assessors will match YA's with the most appropriate housing based on their strengths-based assessment, as well as program capacity and eligibility
 - YA will be matched based on need, program fit, regional references, vulnerability
 - We will continue to make modifications as CE launches

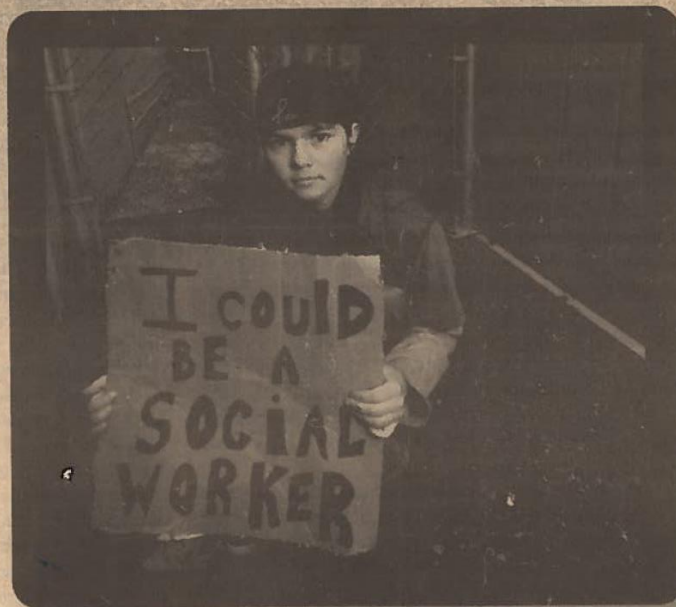
Next Steps:



- CE workgroup completing system design
- Through June 2013:
 - Data system to make it “go” in development
- January 2013:
 - YYA Advisory Group offers input
 - Focus groups with case managers/front line staff
 - RFP for agency to manage CE released
- Continued revision of system design
- Pre-assessment of YA currently engaged in our programs
- June/July 2013: Coordinated Engagement launch



Empower homeless youth in their fight for change.



Be a part of their movement off the streets.

Save the date:
Next YYA Stakeholder Forum
January 22, 2013, 2-3:30, location TBD



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